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The Marine Surveyor  
Ports & Harbours Branch  
Front Beach  
QUEENSCLIFF Vic.

Dear Sir,

I am not sure to whom I should address this letter. If you can help me, either directly or via some other person or authority at Queenscliff, I shall be most grateful.

I am preparing a list of wrecks on the Australian coast. Among other things, I propose to mention the Queenscliff and, of earlier years, the Point Lonsdale lifeboats and the results of their efforts.

If possible I should like to know the number of wrecks attended by these lifeboats and the total number of people taken ashore. Any other information regarding the lifeboat service that might be readily available would also be welcome.

I should like to emphasise that this is not a "school-boy project", but rather am I hoping to produce a useful reference booklet on shipwrecks. Already I have details of about 400 wrecks. Your Melbourne office and the Department of Shipping and Transport have already given me some assistance and encouragement in my effort.

My grand-father and later my father were both lighthouse keepers, and as I served in the Merchant Navy during the 1st world war, I perhaps have a natural interest in shipping.

Any information that you can supply, particularly in regard to the lifeboats, will be gratefully received and very much appreciated.

With thanks in advance,

I am,  
yours faithfully

(F.W.Stevens)